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March 23, 1987

Mr. Jeff Whidden  
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Dear Mr. Whidden:

Attached is preliminary information as requested with regard to your visit March 23, 1987. This information is necessarily presented in preliminary form for a number of reasons.

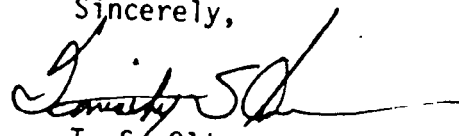
No instructions were provided with the forms we received on March 9, 1987, and we understand that they would be of no help even if we did have them. Thus, we supplied the information based upon our best understanding as to the scope of your inspection.

The amount of detail is also limited. First, the timing of the site inspection required us to collect this information in a limited period of time. Secondly, as we previously discussed, certain information requested falls outside the areas subject to CERCLA due to our exempt status under the "Bevill" amendment of RCRA.

In that the areas of inquiry during your inspection have not yet been fully defined, we will wish to assert a claim of confidentiality under 40 CFR Part 2 Subpart B on all aspects of your inspection including all reports, notes and other documents. Once we have had an opportunity to review the results of this inspection, we may be in a position to reassess this claim.

Monsanto is committed to cooperating fully with your inspections subject to the considerations discussed above. Any conflicts in interpretations of the complex body of regulations and guidelines under which we operate will need to be resolved between Monsanto and EPA Region X. In the meanwhile, the enclosed information is provided to aid in the efficient and accurate completion of this assessment process.

Sincerely,

  
T. S. Oliver

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Attachments

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